



U.S. SENATOR DEB FISCHER
WORKING FOR YOU

A look back at 2016

114TH CONGRESS



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AS I REFLECT ON THE 114TH CONGRESS, I AM PROUD OF THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS. MAJOR PROGRESS WAS MADE FOR NEBRASKA FAMILIES. FROM ENACTING A LONG-TERM HIGHWAY BILL AND REFORMING OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM TO FIGHTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND ADDRESSING OUR NATION'S HEROIN EPIDEMIC, CONGRESS ACTED ON THE WILL OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

DESPITE THESE MANY ACHIEVEMENTS, THERE IS NO SHORTAGE OF FRUSTRATION AND ANXIETY ACROSS THIS COUNTRY. THIS NOVEMBER, AMERICANS MADE ONE THING CLEAR: THEY WANT TO SEE A CHANGE OF COURSE. I COULDN'T AGREE MORE. IT'S TIME TO MAKE OUR ECONOMY STRONGER, OUR COMMUNITIES SAFER, OUR NATION MORE SECURE, AND LIFE EASIER FOR FAMILIES.

I AM EXCITED BY THIS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO PURSUE STRONG, CONSERVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO THE CHALLENGES THIS NATION FACES. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE NEW ADMINISTRATION, AND THE NEW CONGRESS, TO ADVANCE THE PRIORITIES THAT MATTER MOST TO NEBRASKANS IN THE YEARS TO COME.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED FEEDBACK AND INTEREST IN OUR DEMOCRATIC PROCESS.

SINCERELY,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Deb Fischer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Deb" and last name "Fischer" clearly legible.



BRINGING THE U.S. SENATE TO *Nebraska*

WESTERN NEBRASKA TRANSPORTATION FIELD HEARING

*Keeping Goods Moving in
America's Heartland*

MAY 2016

U.S. SENATE SURFACE
TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE

SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA

*"A safe, reliable, and efficient
transportation network is key to
building strong communities and a
healthy economy."*

SENATOR DEB FISCHER

FIELD HEARING WITH NEBRASKA ENTREPRENEURS

*Examining Access to Capital
and Other Headwinds
to Entrepreneurship*

AUGUST 2016

U.S. SENATE SMALL
BUSINESS COMMITTEE

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

*"The seeds of industry have been
sown on our Silicon Prairie. Let's
allow them to thrive."*

SENATOR DEB FISCHER

CONSTITUENT SERVICES

DOLLARS RECOVERED FOR NEBRASKANS

\$210,527.⁰⁰

CONSTITUENT CASES COMPLETED

793

ONGOING CONSTITUENT CASES

292

U.S. CAPITOL TOURS

289

FLAGS FLOWN OVER U.S. CAPITOL

189

WHITE HOUSE TOURS

96

MOBILE OFFICES IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES

93

SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS

56



DIVING INTO THE ISSUES





KEEPING AMERICA SAFE

Chairman

Armed Services Emerging
Threats and Capabilities
Subcommittee

Jurisdiction

Cybersecurity,
Counterterrorism

Working for Offut

- Worked closely with Air Force senior leadership to advance the replacement of the runway at Offutt Air Force Base; Air Force announced a final plan in April 2016
- Supported Offutt's candidacy for critical new missions; the base is now a finalist to receive a mission control element of an unmanned wing

Strengthening Sanctions on North Korea's Rogue Regime

- Worked with Congress to develop enhanced methods of isolating North Korea's regime and penalize those who support its dangerous, illicit activities

Providing for the Common Defense

- Supported National Defense Authorization Act to provide our military with the resources they need to defend our nation and keep us safe
- Authored legislation to significantly reform and consolidate security cooperation authorities at the Department of Defense to improve operational outcomes, program management, and Congressional oversight

Securing America's Transportation Network

- Introduced legislation to help ensure safety of our surface transportation network, including rail, ports, pipelines, and mass transit

Disarming Terrorists; Protecting Second Amendment Rights

- Voted for two amendments to prevent terrorists from acquiring firearms and guard against infringements on Nebraskans' constitutional rights

Increasing Oversight of Troubling Taxpayer-Funded Payments to Foreign Nations

- Introduced the Judgment Fund Transparency and Terrorism Financing Prevention Act to crack down on irresponsible payments to foreign governments that have ties to known terrorist groups

Welcomed Dr. Arati Prabhakar, Director of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), to Nebraska

- My office teamed up with University of Nebraska leadership to coordinate Dr. Prabhakar's two-day tour of the university's world-renowned research and development facilities in Lincoln and Omaha
- Visit was a key opportunity for both campuses to showcase their research capacity and interest in developing technologies to strengthen U.S. national security

transportation solutions

CHAIRMAN

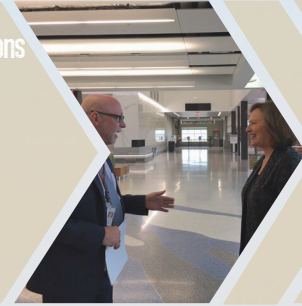
Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security

JURISDICTION

- Safety of the traveling public
- Reliability and efficiency of America's freight and passenger transportation network
- Oversight of federal agencies involving transportation research, rail, pipelines, maritime shipping and ports, and commercial trucks and busses

Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Bill Signed Into Law, Includes Key Nebraska Provisions

- Critical relief for small airports in Scottsbluff, Kearney, and North Platte that depend on Airport Improvement Program funds
- Secures continuation of the Essential Air Service program, which will benefit airports in Alliance, Chadron, Grand Island, McCook, North Platte, and Scottsbluff
- Ensure that towers are marked to create safer skies for agriculture pilots



Championed Bipartisan Pipeline Safety Bill

- Reauthorizes the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)
- Enhances pipeline safety through stronger congressional oversight and stakeholder collaboration with PHMSA
- Offers greater mapping tools to states to help prevent tragedies like the Omaha Old Market explosion



Introduced Bipartisan Bill Passed by Senate to Improve America's Maritime Transportation System

- Reauthorizes the Maritime Administration (MARAD) at the U.S. Department of Transportation
- Bill would keep goods moving, bolster key national security programs, and improve Fiscal responsibility at MARAD
- Strengthens sexual assault prevention programs at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy



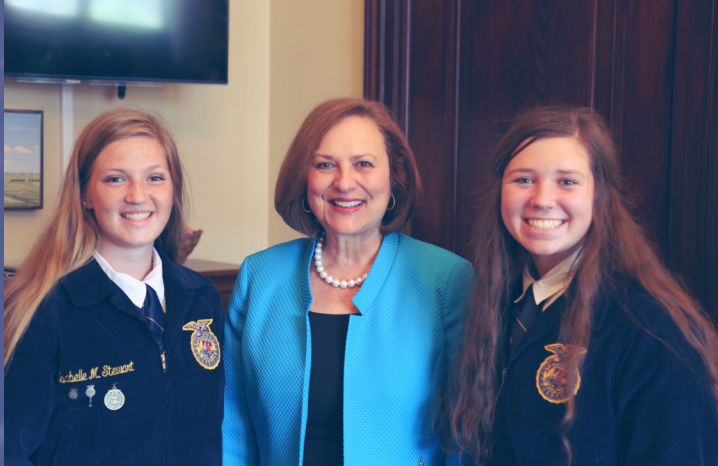
STRONG *families*





HELPING FAMILIES FIGHT ADDICTION THROUGH THE COMPREHENSIVE ADDICTION AND RECOVERY ACT (CARA)

- Addresses America's opioid and heroin abuse epidemic
- Expands drug abuse education and prevention, provides states and local communities with resources to help first responders fight this crisis and save lives
- Supported by medical professionals and law enforcement in Nebraska
- Passed by Congress and signed into law



STRENGTHENING OUR IMMIGRATION LAWS TO PROTECT NEBRASKA FAMILIES

- Helped introduce Sarah's Law in honor of Sarah Root, a 21-year-old killed in Omaha by a drunk driver who was in the country illegally
- Strengthens laws to protect families by mandating the circumstances under which Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) must detain illegal immigrants who commit crimes

IMPROVING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAMILIES WITH THE ENERGY POLICY MODERNIZATION ACT

- Senate-passed bill would update U.S. energy policy for the first time in nearly a decade
- Eliminates outdated rules, streamlines the energy regulatory process, promotes greater efficiency, and saves money without raising taxes or adding to the federal deficit



SUPPORTING PRO-LIFE POLICIES THAT OFFER COMPASSION FOR WOMEN AND UNBORN CHILDREN

- Cosponsor of the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act
- Bill prohibits abortions after 20 weeks, the point at which unborn children are capable of feeling pain
- This reasonable policy was passed overwhelmingly by the Nebraska Unicameral and should be adopted at the federal level



RESTORING HOPE WITH THE 21ST CENTURY CURES ACT

- Supported bipartisan medical innovation bill that overwhelmingly passed Congress
- Bill accelerates research for diseases such as cancer and Alzheimer's, fights the nation's drug addiction epidemic, addresses weaknesses in our mental health system
- Seeks to keep drug prices low for families by cutting red tape at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)



ADDRESSING THE TRAFFICKING OF MARIJUANA INTO NEBRASKA COMMUNITIES

- Introduced an amendment that would compel the Department of Justice to enact a specific plan to explore the effects of state marijuana legalization on public health and safety
- Through my amendment, I stand with Nebraska law enforcement officers who work hard to stop the crime and violence associated with marijuana transport from states like Colorado

a leader on new
TECHNOLOGY

advanced the dialogue on the internet of things

1 Introduced the
Developing Innovation
and Growing the
Internet of Things
(DIGIT) Act

2 Directs the Federal Communications
Commission to complete a report
assessing spectrum needs required to
support this interconnected
wireless network

3 Convenes a
working group of
federal and private
stakeholders, which
would provide
recommendations
to Congress on
how to plan for,
and encourage, the
growth of the
Internet of Things

4 passed
senate
commerce
committee

Protecting Consumers from Fraud and Abuse

1
Helped introduce the bipartisan Spoofing Prevention Act of 2016

2
Closes legal loopholes to address the practice of "spoofing": deliberate falsification of telephone numbers and/or names through Caller-ID

3
Major targets of spoofing often include seniors, veterans, and law enforcement

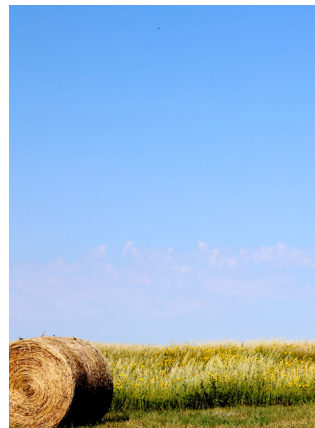


ACCESSING 911 IN AN EMERGENCY

I am an original sponsor of Kari's Law. The bill is named for Kari Hunt, who was murdered in her hotel room in 2013 after her 9-year-old daughter desperately tried to call 911 for help. The hotel's service, like many across the country, required dialing "9" before entering 911 in order for the call to go through. Kari's Law would require multiline telephone systems, which are commonly used in hotels and offices, to be able to directly dial 911 without an access code, such as "9" or "1."

AGRICULTURE

FEEDING A HUNGRY WORLD



NEBRASKA SUPPLIES THE FIRST U.S. BEEF TO ISRAEL IN 13 YEARS

- WORKED WITH THE NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN ISRAEL ON AN HISTORIC AGREEMENT TO LIFT THE BAN ON U.S. BEEF EXPORTS TO ISRAEL
- THE FIRST SHIPMENTS OF U.S. BEEF TO ISRAEL CAME FROM THE WR RESERVE PLANT IN HASTINGS, NEBRASKA

SUPPORTED BIPARTISAN BIOTECHNOLOGY LABELING COMPROMISE TO:

- RECOGNIZE THE SCIENTIFIC CONSENSUS THAT BIOTECHNOLOGY IS SAFE
- EDUCATE CONSUMERS ON THE CONTENT OF THEIR FOOD
- GIVE PRODUCERS THE CERTAINTY THEY NEED TO PROVIDE SAFE, HIGH QUALITY, AND AFFORDABLE FOOD TO PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD

ROLLING BACK HARMFUL REGULATIONS ON FERTILIZER

- OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (OSHA) STANDARD ON ANHYDROUS AMMONIA COULD SEVERELY IMPACT FARMERS BY UNNECESSARILY INCREASING PRODUCTION COSTS
- THE U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE D.C. CIRCUIT RULED IN FAVOR OF PRODUCTION AG BY FINDING THAT OSHA VIOLATED THE LAW
- TO ADDRESS THIS, INTRODUCED THE FERTILIZER ACCESS AND RESPONSIBLE MANAGEMENT (FARM) ACT
- BIPARTISAN LEGISLATION WOULD STOP HARMFUL FEDERAL OSHA STANDARD

FOUGHT TO ELIMINATE BURDENS ON PRODUCERS WHO USE ON-FARM FUEL STORAGE

- EPA REGULATIONS, ORIGINALLY DESIGNED FOR MAJOR OIL REFINERIES, WOULD HAVE REQUIRED NEBRASKANS WHO HAVE ON-FARM FUEL STORAGE TO MAKE COSTLY STRUCTURAL UPGRADES TO FACILITIES
- TO FIX THIS, INTRODUCED THE FARMERS UNDERTAKE ENVIRONMENTAL LAND STEWARDSHIP (FUELS) ACT TO PROVIDE REGULATORY RELIEF FOR ON-FARM FUEL AND ANIMAL FEED INGREDIENT STORAGE
- NEGOTIATED BIPARTISAN PROVISION THAT PASSED CONGRESS MODELED ON THE FUELS ACT PROVIDING PRODUCERS WITH A LIMITED EXEMPTION FROM THE EPA'S SPILL, PREVENTION, CONTROL, AND COUNTERMEASURE (SPCC) RULE
- PROVISION ALSO COMPLETELY EXEMPTED ANIMAL FEED INGREDIENT STORAGE TANKS FROM THE SPCC REGULATIONS.

CONVENED ROUNDTABLE ON ENHANCING BROADBAND ACCESS FOR AGRICULTURE

- WELCOMED FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC) COMMISSIONER MICHAEL O'RIELLY TO NEBRASKA FOR A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH: TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS, AG PRODUCERS, AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.
- EXPLORED POLICIES TO ADDRESS THE BROADBAND NEEDS OF RURAL NEBRASKA AND CAPITALIZE ON THE NEW OPPORTUNITIES GENERATED FROM NEW TECHNOLOGY



#FEEDTHEWORLD



HONORING OUR NATION'S VETERANS

LAUNCHED INITIATIVE
HONORING NEBRASKA'S
FALLEN HEROES ON
THE U.S. SENATE FLOOR

**Devoted time on the Senate floor
to remember the lives of the
following Nebraskans killed
in Iraq and Afghanistan:**

**Sergeant Josh Ford of Pender
Sergeant Jeffery Hansen of Cairo
Lieutenant Jacob Fritz of Verdon
Army Captain Rob Yllescas of Osceola
Sergeant Joshua Robinson of Hastings
Corporal Adrian Robles of Scottsbluff
Master Sergeant Linda Tarango-Griess of Sutton
Sergeant Germaine Debro of Omaha**

**ENSURING VETERANS' ACCESS
TO QUALITY HEALTH CARE:
THE CHIP IN FOR
VETS ACT**

- **My bill empowers local communities to help with planning and construction of Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) projects**
- **The city of Omaha and the Omaha VA are eligible to participate**
- **Passed by Congress in December 2016**





A VICTORY FOR NEBRASKA'S VETERANS AND THE LINCOLN COMMUNITY

- Called on VA Secretary Robert McDonald to work with stakeholders and resolve problems preventing the redevelopment of the Lincoln VA Campus
- After months of negotiating, final agreement to allow redevelopment was reached in September 2016

HELPING VETERANS WITH PTSD ACCESS INNOVATIVE TREATMENTS

- Introduced the bipartisan Puppies Assisting Wounded Service members (PAWS) Act
- Directs the VA to begin a five-year pilot program to provide veterans with service dogs and veterinary health insurance

A photograph of Senator Deb Fischer, a woman with reddish-brown hair, smiling and holding a German Shepherd dog. The dog is looking up at her with its mouth open. The background shows a wooden bookshelf filled with books and a wooden door. A semi-transparent dark red box is overlaid on the image, containing the text.

»THE PAWS ACT WOULD
BRING THE JOYS AND LOVE
OF MAN'S BEST FRIEND TO
HELP OUR VETERANS COPE
WITH THE SCARS OF WAR.»

Senator Deb Fischer

HOLDING GOVERNMENT

ENDING WASTEFUL GOVERNMENT SPENDING: THE GRANTS OVERSIGHT AND NEW EFFICIENCY (GONE) ACT

- EXPIRED GRANT ACCOUNTS COST TAXPAYERS MILLIONS EACH YEAR
- MY GONE ACT SAVES TAXPAYER DOLLARS THROUGH INCREASED FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY OF FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAMS
- REQUIRES AGENCIES TO CLOSE OUT EXPIRED GRANT ACCOUNTS THAT HAVE ZERO DOLLAR BALANCES AND UNDISBURSED FUNDS
- SIGNED INTO LAW ON JANUARY 28, 2016

DEMANDING GREATER TRANSPARENCY OF GOVERNMENT "SLUSH FUNDS"

THE JUDGMENT FUND, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE U.S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT, IS USED TO PAY FOR CERTAIN COURT JUDGMENTS AND SETTLEMENTS AGAINST THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. BETWEEN 2013 AND 2015, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PAID MORE THAN \$10 BILLION IN JUDGMENT FUND AWARDS WITH SCANT OVERSIGHT. MY JUDGMENT FUND TRANSPARENCY ACT SHEDS SUNLIGHT ON THIS "SLUSH FUND."

- WOULD PROVIDE HARDWORKING TAXPAYERS WITH THE ABILITY TO TRACK EXACTLY HOW THEIR TAX DOLLARS ARE BEING SPENT ON LITIGATION EXPENSES
- PASSED THE SENATE AS PART OF THE ENERGY POLICY MODERNIZATION ACT

ACCOUNTABLE

TARGETING INEFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS: AMENDING A KEY APPROPRIATIONS BILL

- THE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY VEHICLES MANUFACTURING (ATVM) LOAN PROGRAM WAS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE LOANS FOR BUSINESSES THAT PRODUCE FUEL-EFFICIENT, ADVANCED-TECHNOLOGY VEHICLES AND COMPONENTS IN THE U.S.
- THE PROGRAM HAS STRUGGLED FOR MANY YEARS; NOT A SINGLE NEW LOAN HAS BEEN APPROVED OUT OF THE PROGRAM SINCE IT WAS REVISED IN 2014
- I INTRODUCED AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 ENERGY AND WATER APPROPRIATIONS BILL TO TARGET THIS OVERSPENDING
- MY AMENDMENT WOULD RESPONSIBLY WIND DOWN THE ATVM LOAN PROGRAM



8,364
miles traveled across
Nebraska in 2016

working for...

NEBRASKA



NEBRASKA'S NEW FEDERAL JUDGE: BOB ROSSITER

- WORKED ON THE NOMINATION AND CONFIRMATION OF BOB ROSSITER OF OMAHA AS A FEDERAL JUDGE FOR THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA
 - THE U.S. SENATE VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO CONFIRM ROSSITER TO NEBRASKA'S FEDERAL BENCH IN JUNE 2016

"THE COMMENDABLE WORK BY U.S. SEN. DEB FISCHER ON ROBERT ROSSITER JR.'S JUDICIAL NOMINATION SHOWS THAT IT'S POSSIBLE TO GET THINGS DONE IN WASHINGTON THROUGH EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP."

OMAHA WORLD-HERALD EDITORIAL

JUNE 29, 2016

Sen. Deb Fischer

HONORING OFFICER KERRIE OROZCO WITH A U.S. SENATE RESOLUTION

LED THE IOWA AND
NEBRASKA SENATORS IN
A RESOLUTION
HONORING THE LIFE
AND LEGACY OF KERRIE
OROZCO OF THE
OMAHA POLICE
DEPARTMENT

OFFICER OROZCO
WAS KILLED IN THE
LINE OF DUTY ON
MAY 20, 2015, WHILE
SERVING AN ARREST
WARRANT

HER DEATH WAS AN
ENORMOUS LOSS FOR
THE SURROUNDING
COMMUNITY, WHERE
SHE WAS KNOWN FOR
HER VOLUNTEER WORK
AND SERVICE TO LOCAL
ORGANIZATIONS

THE U.S. SENATE
PASSED KERRIE'S
RESOLUTION
UNANIMOUSLY

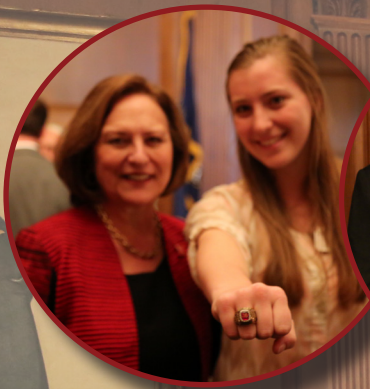
*"BY HONORING KERRIE OROZCO'S LIFE AND LEGACY IN
THE U.S. SENATE, WE CAN SHARE HER REMARKABLE
STORY WITH THE NATION AND INSPIRE OTHERS
TO 'KERRIE ON.'"*

U.S. SENATOR DEB FISCHER

PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE: THE BIPARTISAN SPORTSMEN'S ACT

- AS CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE CONGRESSIONAL SPORTSMEN'S CAUCUS, HELPED INTRODUCE A BROAD ARRAY OF BIPARTISAN MEASURES TO ENHANCE OPPORTUNITIES FOR HUNTERS, ANGLERS, AND OUTDOOR RECREATION ENTHUSIASTS
- BILL WOULD REAUTHORIZE KEY CONSERVATION PROGRAMS AND ELIMINATE RED TAPE TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO PUBLIC LANDS, HELP BOOST THE OUTDOOR RECREATION ECONOMY
- APPROVED BY BOTH THE SENATE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE





· JOINED SENATOR BEN SASSE IN INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL AND WOMEN'S BOWLING TEAMS ON WINNING THE 2015 NCAA DIVISION I CHAMPIONSHIP

· RESOLUTIONS UNANIMOUSLY PASSED THE SENATE

· WELCOMED PLAYERS, COACHES, AND STAFF TO THE U.S. CAPITOL FOR A SPECIAL RECEPTION

RECOGNIZING NEBRASKA'S NCAA CHAMPIONS

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